high in certain places to allow the water being made use of for irrigation except with the help of pumps, while in other portions the bed of the stream being below the level of the paddy fields, the manure and moisture from the latter were being drained away into the former. The Member, therefore, suggested that masonry bunds might be raised across the bed of the stream in different places, and outlets opened across the banks so that the silt might be intercepted and the bed raised to the desired level. He submitted that the people were prepared to meet half the cost of the proposed work and requested that the Government might take the initiative and carry out that piece of useful work.

He next pleaded for the opening of Form VI in the Adur English School. He said that the school building, erected by the people of the place, was a *pucca* one and that it was capable of accommodating about 530 students. He requested that, in the interests of the student population, Form VI might be opened in the school at the beginning of the next school year. He further stated that the people had been supplying the school with furniture for the classes newly opened, that they were prepared to do it for Form VI also and that they had already expressed their willingness to that effect in writing.

He next spoke on the necessity of establishing a stipendiary Magistrate's court at Adur. He complained of the abolition of the local Magistrate's court and submitted that the people of the place had now to walk several miles and go to Kottarakara for preferring complaints. He compared the number of criminal cases filed then and now and complained that crime was going unpunished and criminals were increasing day by day. He, therefore, prayed for the re-establishment of the court at an early date.

Lastly, the Member represented the need for the appointment of a committee for ascertaining the area available for disafforestation and registry in the Koduman and the Anakulam Reserves. He remarked that, so far as reserved forests were concerned, Government were only looking to the revenue of the State and not at all to the good of the people inhabiting the adjoining areas. The indiscriminate reservation of forests was fast reducing the area of cultivable land, with the result that the ryots were becoming poorer day by day. He, therefore, suggested that the committee which was to be appointed to select lands fit for cultivation in the Koduman reserve might be empowered to select such lands from the Anakulam reserve also.

Dewan's reply.—As regards the smallness of the grant for road maintenance, the matter is receiving the attention of the Chief Engineer. You said that even this small grant was never used properly for maintaining village roads. This may be true. When Village Panchayats come into existence, we will entrust village roads to them for maintenance. You will have to wait till then.

Member.—There is a responsible Assistant Engineer there. Government spend Rs. 100 or Rs. 200 on each road every year, with the result that none of the roads are in good order. If all the money is utilised for one road every year, in 4 or 5 years we shall have all our roads in good condition.

Dewan.—The Chief Engineer is trying to pool the expenditure on village roads as far as possible.

As regards the Adur English School, Form VI will be opened there in the usual course. You must be prepared to give the necessary furniture as promised.

133. Needs of the eastern pakuthies of the Changanachery taluk.

Mr. Kunjuvarkki Mathew (Member, Changanachery Taluk) began by observing that, for a variety of local reasons, the eastern *pakuthies* of his taluk had not till then attracted the attention of the authorities to the needed extent.

The first and foremost need was a manure depot at Kanjirapalli, which, together with the surrounding districts, was mainly agricultural. The need had become all the more pressing now, since the people had come to realise the manifold benefits of scientific agriculture. The opening of a manure depot would quicken the new life that had dawned on them as a purely agricultural population.

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The second want of theirs was an experimental farm at Kanjirapalli. The Member said that the vast area of *cherikal* lands about Kanjirapalli was cultivated only once in 8 or 10 years, and that those lands were being allowed to lie fallow during the interval. It was time that steps were taken to see whether the annual cultivation of such lands could not possibly be undertaken with profit. If that could be done, the output of paddy could be increased several-fold. It was for that purpose that an experimental farm was necessary.

The third prayer of the Member was the opening of a dispensary at Manimala about which there had been representations at more than one previous session of the Assembly. In view of the increasing need for medical relief to the people of Manimala and surrounding tracts, the Member requested that at least a bi-weekly dispensary might be opened there and that the Sub-Assistant Surgeon of the Kanjirapalli Hospital might be placed in charge of it in addition to his own work.

The question of transferring the Munsiff-Magistrate's court formed the next subject of the Member's representation. He said that Ponkunnam where the court was located at present was an unhealthy place, and that, since all other public institutions were situated at Kanjirapalli, it was highly desirable that the Munsiff-Magistrate's court also should go to Kanjirapalli.

Lastly, the Member pleaded for the establishment of a sub-treasury to be attached to the Munsiff-Magistrate's court. At present the people had to deal with three different treasuries at Kottayam, Changanachery and Minachil, which placed them under considerable disadvantage. Formerly, a sub-treasury had been attached to that court and the Member pleaded that it might be restored.

Dewan's reply.—As regards a dispensary at Manimala, the Darbar Physician's report has not yet been received. He says he will visit the place soon and submit a report. You suggest the establishment of a bi-weekly dispensary, with a Sub-Assistant Surgeon going there twice a week. We will wait and see what the Darbar Physician says.

As regards a manure depôt at Kanjirapalli, the policy of establishing departmental manure depôts has been stopped. If a commission agent would come forward and start a depôt, Government would give him a liberal commission. The commission is not added to the price of the commodity, but is paid out of Government fund. A young commission agent could make a decent income, if he opens a manure depôt there. Kanjirapalli is an advanced place and I am sure there will be people coming forward.

As regards an experimental farm for *cherikal* cultivation, the first thing to be done is demonstration on ryots' lands. In Kuttanad, Mr. K. C. Mamman Mappillai placed his own lands measuring about 30 or 40 acres at the disposal of the Agricultural Department for demonstration purposes. If the people are prepared to give lands and do what the Director of Agriculture asks them to do, experiments would be conducted.

As regards the location of the Magistrate's court, this is a complaint which never ends. Every time I camp in that direction, every time I pass by that road, every time the Assembly meets, there is this complaint, and every time I have to give the same reply, although it does not satisfy either Kanjirapalli or Ponkunnam. If the court is removed to Kanjirapalli, the people of Ponkunnam will complain; if it is removed to Ponkunnam, the people of Kanjirapalli will complain; therefore, the best thing would be to keep the court as at present, midway between Kanjirapalli and Ponkunnam. It is at present situated in a healthy locality and therefore, on this point, the decision of Government is final.

Member.—The Mundakayam planters wanted the court to be transferred.

Dewan.—They have dropped their proposal.

With regard to a sub-treasury, it is very inconvenient to open a sub-treasury at a place where there is no Taluk office. However, Government will look into the matter.

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